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THE AGRICULTURAL HISTORY NEWSLETTER

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MEETINGS. The Southeast Regional group of the Association for Living History Farms and Agricultural Museums will hold its annual meeting at the Duke Homestead, Durham, North Carolina, on February 7-9, 1992. For information, please write to: Dan Freeas, Horne Creek Living History Farm, Route 2, Box 118-A, Pinnacle, North Carolina 27043 or call (919) 325-2298.

GRANTS. The Forest History Society announces the availability of Bell travel grants for 1992. If you wish to study at the Society's library and archives, you may receive up to \$750 in support of travel and lodging expenses. Please contact: Bell Travel Grants, Forest History Society, 701 Vickers Ave., Durham, NC 27701.

FEED BAG CLOTHING EXHIBIT. Clothing made from feed sacks and flour bags by farm women from the 1920's through the 1940's is on exhibit at the National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC until January 30, 1992.

CALL FOR PAPERS. The Social Science History Association will hold its annual conference in Chicago, Illinois, November 5-8, 1992, emphasizing themes relating to the Columbian Quincentennial. Persons interested in organizing sessions with a rural theme should contact: Hal S. Barron, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Harvey Mudd College, 105 Kingston Hall, Claremont, CA 91711. (714) 621-8555, ext. 3295.

The Economic and Business Historical Society encourages interdisciplinary scholarship in economic and business history. Its international membership includes persons with interests in economics, history, business, social science, geography, and related disciplines. EBHS will hold its 18th annual meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, April 22-24, 1993. Members and nonmembers are invited to submit papers, offer their services as session chairs and discussants, and/or make

program suggestions. Please enclose a two-page abstract with proposals for papers. The deadline for abstracts is January 15, 1993; for papers, March 1, 1993. Correspondence, abstracts, and papers should be addressed to: Professor Lynne Pierson Doti, President and Program Chair, EBHS, Department of Economics, Chapman University, CA 92666. (714) 997-6805. FAX (714) 532-6081.

Antique tractors collected by Frederick J. Downing of Lottsburg, Virginia, is discussed in the December 1991 issue of Rural Living. The journal is published by the Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives, 4201 Dominion Blvd., Suite 101, Glen Allen, VA 23060.

PUBLICATIONS. The Political Economy of the Family Farm: The Agrarian Roots of American Capitalism, by Sue Headlee (Praeger Publishers, One Madison Ave., New York, NY 10010. 1991). 212 pp. \$43.00. The book is a study of the transition to capitalism in the United States in the mid-nineteenth century, especially the role of agriculture in that transition. The family farm system, with its progressive and egalitarian class structure, caused agriculture to play a revolutionary role in the transition to capitalism in the United States.

Spokane and the Inland Empire: An Interior Pacific Northwest Anthology, edited by David H. Stratton (Washington State University Press, Pullman, WA 99164-5910. 1991). 194 pp. hardcover \$25.00, paper \$17.95. Chapter 2 is entitled "A Century of Farming in the Inland Empire," by Wayne D. Rasmussen.

Resources for the Future Publications History, 1954 to 1990, by Marion Clawson (Marion Clawson, 5711 Ridgefield Rd., Bethesda, MD 20816. 1991). 35 pp. This history of Resources for the Future's publications is to a considerable degree a short history of RFF as an organization.

A Century of Agriculture in the 1890 Land-Grant Institutions and Tuskegee University--1890-1990, by B. D. Mayberry (Vantage Press, 516 West 34th St., New York, NY 10001. 1991). 271 pp. \$22.95. The author presents an overview of a century of progress in agriculture in the 1890 institutions, from their foundation and support by the Federal government as a result of many Southern states refusing to support black education beyond high school to their present-day success in providing hands-on education to black and other farmers. The volume contains profiles of each of the 1890 institutions and Tuskegee University and reprints the major legislation relating to their development.

Southern Hunting in Black and White: Nature, History, and Ritual in a Carolina Community, by Stuart A. Marks (Princeton University Press, 3175 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648. 1991). 315 pp. \$24.95. Examines Southern hunting from frontier times through the antebellum era to the present-day.

CURRENT JOURNALS. The history of the Santee Canal, connecting the Santee and Cooper Rivers in South Carolina and used mainly for transporting cotton from 1800 to the Civil War, is traced by Mark M. Newell in American Heritage of Invention and Technology, Winter 1992. Copies are available for \$4.00 from: American Heritage of Invention and Technology, Forbes Building, 60 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10011.

The restoration of soil depleted by the over-cultivation of tobacco and corn in Montgomery County, Maryland, during the middle of the last century was brought about in large part through activities of the Montgomery County Agricultural Society according to George M. Anderson in "Growth, Civil War, and Change: The Montgomery County Agricultural Society, 1850-1876," in the Winter 1991 issue of the Maryland Historical Magazine. Copies are \$4.00 each from: Maryland Historical Society, 201 W. Monument St., Baltimore, MD 21201.

Mark Somma tests a series of hypotheses about ecology and urbanization in an article, "Ecological Flight: Explaining the Move From Country to City in Developing Nations," in the Fall 1991 issue of the Environmental History Review. The same issue also contains an article by Mort A. Stewart, "Rice, Water, and Power: Landscapes of Domination and Resistance in the Lowcountry, 1790-1880." Copies of the Review are available for \$6.00 from: Arlene J. McKenna, Environmental

History Review, Center for Technology Studies, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark, NJ 07102.

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FEBRUARY 1992

MEETINGS. The Agricultural History Society will hold its annual meeting in Chicago, Illinois at the Palmer House Hilton Hotel on Saturday, April 4, 1992, in conjunction with the meetings of the Organization of American Historians. The Executive Committee will hold a breakfast meeting at 7:30 a.m. The annual luncheon will be held at 12:00 noon. Richard Lowitt will deliver his presidential address, "Henry A. Wallace and Irrigation Agriculture." In addition, the annual book and article awards will be presented at the luncheon. A business meeting will follow. Tickets for the luncheon are \$20. For information on the Agricultural History Society sessions, please write to: Wayne D. Rasmussen, Agricultural History Society, Room 932, 1301 New York Ave., N. W., Washington, DC 20005-4788.

The U. S. Capitol Historical Society, in cooperation with the Newberry Library and the United States Congress, will sponsor a conference on "Native Americans and the Early Republic" on March 4-5, 1992. The sessions include papers on aspects of Native American agriculture. For further information, please write to: U. S. Capitol Historical Society, 200 Maryland Ave., N. E., Washington, DC 20002.

SEMINARS. The Hagley Museum and Library is sponsoring a series of seminars on the environment and the industrialized world. The first, "Roots of the Environment Crisis," will be held on March 13, 1992. The second, "Humanity and the Landscape," will be on April 10, while the third, "Environmental Regulation," will be on May 8. For more information, please write or call: Center for the History of Business, Technology, and Society, Hagley Museum and Library, P. O. Box 3630, Wilmington, DE 19807. (302) 658-2400, ext. 243.

BLACK HISTORY. The important contributions slaves made to every-day life on Richard Bland Lee's 1794 farm will be demonstrated on Saturdays and Sundays, 1-4 p.m., during February, at Sully

Historic Site, Sully Road (Rte. 28), Chantilly, VA. (703) 437-9101.

AWARD. Tom Isern, recently named Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at North Dakota State University, has received an award from Phi Alpha Theta of \$500 for his book Bull Threshers and Bindlestiffs: Harvesting and Threshing on the North American Plains, published in 1991 by University Press of Kansas.

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL WEEK. Some of the countless number of activities which will be held in many parts of the United States during National Agricultural Week, March 15-21, 1992, will be historical in nature. National Agriculture Day is March 20, 1992, and National Women in Agriculture Day is March 19, 1992. For information on National Agricultural Week, please contact: Margaret Speich, Agriculture Council of America, 1250 "Eye" Street, N. W., Suite 601, Washington, DC. (202) 682-9200.

PUBLICATIONS. A Career in Agricultural Economics: Pages from a Journal, by Orlin Scoville (O. J. Scoville, 4319 N. 39th St., Arlington, VA 22207. 1991). 66 pp. \$4.00. The author, in tracing his life-long career in agricultural economics, discusses the steps he took to get an education during the Great Depression and the impact of the New Deal on job opportunities for agricultural economists. Then, in discussing his own career, he shows the diversity of jobs an agricultural economist might hold.

A newsletter, Grange History, has been inaugurated by the Grange Studies Group. It will be issued biennially and will contain short accounts, questions, and comments from anyone interested in the history of the Grange, first organized as the Order of Patrons of Husbandry. Yearly subscriptions at \$2.00 each may be sent to: George H. Spies, 489 Sudbury Road, Stow, MA 01775.

Seeds of Change, edited by Herman J. Viola and Carolyn Margolis (Smithsonian Institution Press, Blue Ridge Summit, PA 17294. 1991). 280 pp. \$39.95 cloth; \$24.95 paper. The contributors trace Old and New World exchanges of sugar, maize, potatoes, wine, horses, and other common plants and animals, as well as disease, over the course of five hundred years.

CURRENT JOURNALS. The Public Historian began a series of oral history interviews with pioneers of public history in its Winter 1992 issue. The first interview, conducted by Arnita A. Jones, was with Wayne Rasmussen, historian in the U.S. Department of Agriculture for nearly fifty years. Entitled "Wayne Rasmussen and the Development of Policy History at the United States Department of Agriculture," the interview covers his educational background, appointment as a historian, and some of his experiences as the Department's historian. Copies of the journal are \$8.00 from: Periodicals Department, University of California Press, Berkeley, CA 94720.

The closing of the open range in Georgia in the late nineteenth century through legislative action rather than through voluntary agreement is discussed by Shawn Everett Kantor in "Razorbacks, Ticky Cows, and the Closing of the Georgia Open Range: The Dynamics of Institutional Change Uncovered," in the December 1991 issue of the Journal of Economic History. The same issue contains "Land Rents and Agricultural Productivity: The Paris Basin, 1450-1789," by Philip T. Hoffman, who concludes with an analysis of the causes of economic growth in preindustrial agriculture. Copies are available for \$6.50 from: The Cambridge University Press, 110 Midland Ave., Port Chester, NY 10573-9864.

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The Fall 1991 issue of Agricultural History contains the following articles: David B. Danbom, "Romantic Agrarianism in Twentieth Century America"; Donald J. Pisani, "Land Monopoly in Nineteenth-Century America"; "Land Monopoly in Nineteenth-Century California": Sean Hartnett, "The Land Market on the Wisconsin Frontier: An Examination of Land Ownership Processes in Turtle and LaPrairie Townships, 1839-1890"; Barbara Leibhardt, "Allotment Policy in an Incongruous Legal System: The Yakima Indian Nation As a Case Study, 1887-1934"; and Earl M. Rogers and Susan H. Rogers. "Significant Books on Agricultural History Published in 1989." Copies are available for \$6.75 from the Periodicals Department, University of California Press, Berkeley, CA 94728.

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DELAWARE AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM is now known as the Delaware Agricultural Museum and Village. The addition of "and village" was made to make the general public aware of the museum's re-created late 19th century village. The contributions Delaware's Native Americans made to farming are featured in the exhibit "Delaware's First Farmers: The Native American." Archaeological evidence suggests that people were farming in what is now Delaware by at least 1,000 B.C. The first farmers raised corn, fished, and hunted small marsh animals and birds. At the time of the first contact between Europeans with the Delaware Native American in 1631, one Swedish settler described the tribe, the "Sickoneysincks," as "a powerful nation, rich in maize (corn) plantations." Although corn was the main crop, Native American farmers also raised beans, pumpkins, squash and tobacco.

"Delaware's First Farmers: The Native American" will be displayed from February 1, 1992 through February 1, 1993. Stone axe heads, a spearhead, stone mortars and pestles, an eel pot, clay pots, and a basket are examples of the artifacts to be exhibited. Admission is charged. The museum is located on Route 13 in Dover, Delaware, just south of Delaware State College. For further information about the exhibit or other special events, please call: (302) 734-1618.

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP. Cornell University's College of Human Ecology and Mann Library are offering one or two fellowships of \$3,500 each to help defray the costs of a summer's research at Cornell University's Mann Library on the history of home economics or nutrition and their impact on American society. Cornell's libraries have extensive holdings in all areas of nutrition, agriculture, and related sciences. The deadline is May 1, 1992; decisions will be made by May 22, 1992. To apply, please send a 3-5 page proposal of the research planned, specifying which materials or types of materials would be used; a vita; a writing sample or previous publication; and 2 letters of recommendation to: Office of the Dean, College of Human Ecology, N113 MVR Cornell University,

Ithaca, NY 14853. For further information, please call (607) 257-0568 or FAX (607) 255-3794.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S Food and Nutrition Information Center celebrated 20 years of service in 1991. Many former employees and cooperators, as well as current users of the Center attended a reception and program held at the National Agricultural Library (NAL) in Beltsville, Maryland in September. FNIC staff received an engraved certificate signed by Betty Jo Nelson, Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service for its "20 years of dedicated service to the food and human nutrition community." FNIC was founded in 1971 as a national resource for education and training materials to be used by persons in USDA's Child Nutrition Program (school lunch, child and adult care, etc.). Over the years the Center has expanded its services to provide lending and reference services to USDA program employees, nutritionists, media, consumers, researchers, scientists, authors, software developers, etc. In Fiscal Year 1990, over 14,000 users requested information, publications, or borrowed materials.

CURRENT JOURNALS. "Beyond 'State vs. Society': Theories of the State and New Deal Agricultural Policies" by Jess Gilbert and Carolyn Howe in the April 1991 issue of American Sociological Review, Vol. 56, pp. 204-220 challenges the state-centered approach to the setting up of New Deal farm agencies in USDA. Looking especially at the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and the Resettlement Administration, the authors show how social forces such as classes interact with state forces to shape policy.

William Wyckoff and Katherine Hansen discuss the forces affecting "Settlement, Livestock Grazing and Environmental Change in Southwest Montana, 1860-1990," in the Winter 1991 issue of the Environmental History Review. Copies are available for \$6.00 from: Environmental History Review, Center for Technology Studies, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark, NJ 07102.

The January 1992 issue of the Living Historical Farms Bulletin features an article on "Historic Farming at Hancock Shaker Village." The Village is near Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania. Copies of the Bulletin are available for \$1.50 each from: Billings Farm & Museum, P. O. Box 489, Woodstock, VT 05091.

The history of North Carolina's commercial fisheries closely parallels development of the state's agriculture according to Mark T. Taylor in "Seiners and Tongers: North Carolina Fisheries in the Old and New South," North Carolina Historical Review, January 1992. Copies may be ordered at \$7.00 each from: North Carolina Historical Review, 109 E. Jones St., Raleigh, NC 27601-2807.

PUBLICATIONS. Henry A. Wallace's Irrigation Frontier: On the Trail of the Corn Belt Farmer, 1909, edited by Richard Lowitt and Judith Fabry (University of Oklahoma Press, 1005 Asp Ave., Norman, OK 73019-0445. 1991). 240 pp. \$24.95. When Wallace had completed his junior year at Iowa State College in 1909, his family sent him on a western tour. His perceptive reports to the family journal, Wallace's Farmer, on irrigation farming are reproduced in this volume.

Canadian Papers in Rural History, by Marvin McNinn (Langdale Press, R. R. #1, Gananoque, Ontario, Canada, K7G 2V3. 1991). 372 pp. \$39.50. The lead article is a book-length study by the author who provides the first major reassessment of nineteenth century Canadian agriculture in fifty years. McNinn radically reinterprets the conventional theory of the wheat staple economy.

HEIRLOOM SEEDS. Some living history farms and museums are attempting to collect and preserve heirloom fruit, vegetable, and/or ornamental plant varieties. When maintaining heirloom varieties, great care must be exercised to make sure that individual varieties do not accidentally mutate or cross pollinate, and that each generation is carefully selected to maintain trueness to type. If the current generation of an old variety differs in one or more characteristics from the original type, it is no longer identical to the original.

The Heirloom Seed Project at Landis Valley Museum in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, is one of the organizations dedicated to identifying varieties of vegetables, herbs, flowers, forage crops and fruit that have a written or an oral history pre-dating 1940. To participate in this living history project by ordering seeds, please send \$2.00 for a catalog to: Landis Valley Associates--HP, 2451 Kissel Hill Rd., Lancaster, PA 17601.

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MEETINGS. A conference celebrating the contributions of Lois Green Carr to Chesapeake studies and early American history will be held at the University of Maryland on May 22-23, 1992. A number of papers to be presented are on agricultural and rural history. For information, please contact: Jean B. Russo, 3307 Wake Dr., Kensington, MD 20895.

The annual meeting of the American Minor Breeds Conservancy will be held at Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC, on June 12-14, 1992. The theme of the meeting is "Agriculture Past, Present, Future." For information, please contact: AMBC-CONFERENCE, P. O. Box 477, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

The Kansas State Historical Society will hold its annual spring meeting in Garden City on June 19-20, 1992. The theme of the meeting is "The Dust Bowl Revisited." For further information, please write to: Kansas Historical Society, 120 West Tenth, Topeka, KS 66612-1291.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT. The Agricultural & Rural History Section of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service has openings for two summer employees. The positions are for social science aides and the work involved will be clerical in nature--classifying and filing documents for the historical file collection, entering bibliographic information into a computer database, and microfilming Section records. The position will be at the GS-3 to GS-4 level, depending on education and experience. Salary ranges from about \$8.00 to about \$8.50 per hour. Applicants should submit a federal employment form SF-171 to: Douglas E. Bowers, Agricultural & Rural History Section, NEH/ARED, Economic Research Service, 1301 New York Ave., N. W., Room 928, Washington, DC 20005-4788. Applications must be postmarked by April 15, 1992.

PUBLICATIONS. Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology: The Contemporary Core Literature, by Wallace C. Olsen (Cornell University Press, 124 Roberts Pl., P. O. Box 250, Ithaca, NY 14851-0250. 1991). 304 pp., \$49.95. The first of a series of volumes on "The Literature of the Agricultural Sciences," this book analyzes the trends in the published literature of agricultural economics and rural sociology during the past fifty years. Listings and analyses offer a guide to the most valuable current literature, publishers, and authors. Chapters include: "Trends and Development of Agricultural Economics & Rural Sociology in the United States," "Characteristics of Agricultural Economics Literature," "Current Primary Journals and Serials," "Core Lists of Primary Monographs," and "Measuring and Preserving Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology Literature Collections."

Cowgirls: Women of the American West, by Teresa Jordan (University of Nebraska Press, 901 N. 17th St., Lincoln, NE 68588-0520. 1992). 352 pp. \$12.95 paper. Sympathetic portrait of western women, with nitty-gritty detail about ranch life.

A Prairie Populist: The Memoirs of Luna Kellie, edited by Jane Taylor Nelsen (University of Iowa Press, Iowa City, IA 52242. 1992). 176 pp. \$22.95 cloth, \$9.95 paper. Memoirs of life on the prairie and work in farm politics.

A Forest Journey: The Role of Wood in the Development of Civilization, by John Perlin (Harvard University Press, 79 Garden St., Cambridge, MA 02128. 1991). 448 pp. \$14.95 paper. Shifts brought about by the need for new sources for wood.

Wine and the Vine: An Historical Geography of Viticulture and the Wine Trade, by Tim Unwin (Routledge, Chapman and Hall, 29 W. 35th St., New York, NY 10001-2291. 1991). 320 pp.

\$29.95. Traces viticulture and the wine trade from prehistory to the present, showing the social, political, and economic factors affecting wine.

Agricultural Biotechnology at the Crossroads: Biological, Social & Institutional Concerns, edited by June Fessenden McDonald (National Agricultural Biotechnology Council, 159 Biotechnology Building, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853-2703. 1991). 307 pp. \$7.00. Although none of the chapters are historical in nature, several trace historical developments in particular aspects of agricultural biotechnology.

CURRENT JOURNALS. William C. Pratt discusses "Rural Radicalism on the Northern Plains, 1912-1950," in the Winter 1992 issue of Montana: The Magazine of Western History. Radicals participated in a variety of movements and, while they lost most of their battles, they influenced the political and social history of the northern plains. Copies of the issue are \$6.50 from: Montana Historical Society, 225 N. Roberts St., Helena, MT 59620.

Bradley G. Saltensperger discusses the population decline in Furnas County, Nebraska from the 1930's to the present in "A County that Has Gone Downhill," in Geographical Review, October 1991. He concludes that the rural renaissance of the 1970's and 1980's bypassed many Great Plains counties because they possessed few of the prerequisites for late twentieth-century rural growth. In the same journal, Janel M. Curry-Roper and John Bowles, in "Local Factors in Changing Land-Tenure Patterns," argue that in such areas as Lake Prairie Township, Iowa, communitywide social patterns were important determinants of landownership change at the local level. Copies are available for \$20.00 from: Geographical Review, Suite 600, 156 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10010.

NATIVE SEEDS. Many groups have come to see the value of plants native to the new world. A clearing house, based at Tucson Botanical Gardens in Tucson, Arizona, has recently published a listing of a large number of such seeds and has identified the areas where they were first grown. For information, please write to: Native Seeds/Search, 2509 N. Campbell Ave., #325, Tucson, AZ 85719.

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MEETINGS. The Agricultural History Society and the Conference of Rural/Farm Women in Agriculture are sponsoring a symposium on June 26-28, 1992, on "Rural/Farm Women in Historical Perspective." It will be held at the University of California, Davis. Sessions will include papers on the history of rural and farm women in all parts of the nation and throughout our history. For further information, please contact: Morton Rothstein, Agricultural History Center, University of California, Davis, CA 95616. (916) 752-3046.

The American Minor Breeds Conservancy will hold its annual meeting on June 12-13, 1992, at Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. For registration information, please contact: AMBC, P. O. Box 477, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

The 1992 annual conference of the Association for Living Historical Farms and Agricultural Museums will be held on June 14-18, 1992, at Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, following the American Minor Breeds Conservancy meetings. The theme for the conference is "Seeds of Time: Cultivating New Visions of the Past." For additional information, please write: ALHFAM Conference, Old Salem Inc., Box F, Winston-Salem, NC 27108. (919) 721-7300.

A National Forum on Water Management Policy will be held in Washington, DC, June 28 - July 1, 1992. A number of historians have been invited to present papers. For further information, please contact: Michael C. Fink, American Water Resources Association, 5410 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 220, Bethesda, MD 20814-2192. (301) 493-8600.

CALL FOR PAPERS. The program committee of the National Council on Public History invites submissions for complete sessions, individual papers, or panels for the annual meeting in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania on April 29 - May 2, 1993. Proposals may relate to any subject of public history, including agricultural history, and non-traditional session proposals are encouraged. Please send proposals or requests for further

information to: Jeffrey P. Brown, Department of History, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM 88003.

The Social Science History Association will hold its annual convention in Chicago, November 5-8, 1992. Anyone interested in organizing a session relating to rural life and agriculture is invited to get in touch with Hal S. Barron, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Harvey Mudd College, 105 Kingston Hall, Claremont, CA 91711.

SUMMER INSTITUTES. The Summer Institute in Western American Studies will be held at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center, Cody, Wyoming, on June 8 - July 3, 1992. Its theme is "Discovered Lands, Invented Past: Transforming Visions of the American West." The Institute is divided into two sessions, each offering two 2-week courses, including one on land use and ownership in the American West from 1800 to modern times. For more information, please contact: Lillian Turner, Buffalo Bill Historical Center, P. O. Box 1000, Cody, WY 82414.

Seminars on American Culture, given by the New York State Historical Association, will be held at Cooperstown, New York, July 5-11, 1992. Divided into two sessions, the courses include Adirondack Folk Life, Rail Fences, Agricultural Practices in Early New York, and others. For information, please write: Seminars on American Culture, New York State Historical Association, P. O. Box 800, Cooperstown, NY 13326.

AWARDS. The Agricultural History Society announced the following awards for 1991 publications at its annual meeting in Chicago on April 4, 1992: Saloutos Memorial Award for the best book in agricultural history to David E. Hamilton, University of Kentucky, for From New Day to New Deal: American Farm Policy from Hoover to Roosevelt, 1928-1933; Carstensen Award for the best article published in Agricultural History to Mart Stewart for "'Whether Wast, Deodand, or Stray': Cattle Culture, and the Environment in Early Georgia;" and the Edwards

Memorial Award for the best article by a student to Barbara Leibhardt for "Allotment Policy in an Incongruous Legal System: The Yakima Indian Nation As a Case Study, 1887-1934."

CURRENT JOURNALS. In the Winter 1992 issue of Agricultural History, Kosmas Tsokhas points out "Wheat in Wartime: The Anglo-Australian Experience," that World War I could have been a disaster for the Australian wheat industry until Australia's involvement in the war on the side of the United Kingdom led the British government to buy large quantities of Australian wheat and maintain the price to growers negotiated by the Australian Wheat Board. Katharine M. Truett and John D. Fair, in "Promoting a New South: Immigration, Racism, and "Alabama on Wheels," discuss labor problems and the distrust of black labor that kept Alabama in economic stagnation after the Civil War. James L. McCorkle, Jr. discusses the importance of railroads in the development of Southern truck farming in "Moving Perishables to Market: Southern Railroads and the Nineteenth-Century Origins of Southern Truck Farming." Jeannie Wayne argues that the activities of one man, Ernest Ritter, had a significant impact on the structure of agriculture in the Arkansas Delta in "Creation of a Plantation System in the Arkansas Delta in the Twentieth Century." Copies of this issue of Agricultural History are available for \$6.75 from the University of California Press, Berkeley, CA 94720.

William Cronon discusses the problems of presenting environmental history in "A Place for Stories: Nature, History, and Narrative," in the March 1992 issue of the Journal of American History. For information on copies, please contact: Organization of American Historians, 112 N. Bryan St., Bloomington, IN 47408-4199. (812) 855-7311.

In the article "Shrunk to a Comparative Rivulet': Deforestation, Stream Flow, and Rural Milling in 19th-Century Maine," in the January 1992 issue of Technology and Culture, Jamie H. Eves concludes the "decline in rural milling throughout North America would seem to have been caused more by changes in agriculture, technology, and the economy than deforestation. Copies are available for \$7.50 each from the University of Chicago Press, P. O. Box 37005, Chicago, IL 60637.

PUBLICATIONS. Land in Her Own Name, by Elaine Lindgren (North Dakota Institute for Regional Studies, Box 5075, North Dakota State

University, Fargo, ND 58105-5075. 1992). \$27.00. The book is the story of many women who homesteaded across North Dakota.

Eugene Beverly Ferris and Agricultural Science in the Lower South, by Roy V. Scott (Center for the Study of Southern Culture, University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS 38677. 1991). 235 pp. \$20.00. Ferris, a longtime professor at Mississippi State University, was one of a dedicated group in the early 20th century who devoted their lives to the improvement of farming and rural life through the application of science to agriculture.

Texas Heritage, edited by Ben Procter and Archie P. McDonald. (Harlan Davidson, Inc., 3110 North Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60004-1592. 2nd ed. 1992). 366 pp. \$14.95. Chapters by Irvin M. May, Jr. and Joe B. Frantz emphasize the development of agriculture and the cattle industry in Texas.

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MEETINGS. The American Agricultural Economics Association will hold its annual meeting in Baltimore, Maryland on August 9-12, 1992. For information, please write: AAEA Business Office, 80 Heady Hall, Iowa State University, Ames, IA 50011-1070.

The Agricultural History Society will hold a symposium on Rural and Farm Women in Historical Perspective at the University of California, Davis on June 26-28, 1992. For information, please contact: Morton Rothstein, Agricultural History Center, University of California, Davis, CA 95616. (916) 752-3046.

The American Heritage Center at the University of Wyoming will host a symposium, "100 Years of Western Literature" on September 24-26, 1992, in Laramie. For more information, please contact: American Heritage Center, P.O. Box 3924, Laramie, WY 82071.

The spring meeting of the Kansas State Historical Society will be held in Garden City on June 19-20, 1992. The theme of the meeting is "The Dust Bowl Revisited." For information, please get in touch with: Kansas State Historical Society, 120 West Tenth St., Topeka, KS 66612. (913) 296-2726.

The Mountain West Center for Regional Studies and National Endowment for the Humanities are sponsoring a research conference on "A New Significance: Re-Envisioning the History of the American West," at Utah State University on July 29-August 1, 1992. Please address inquiries to: Clyde A. Milner, Mountain West Center for Regional Studies, Logan, UT 84322-0735. (801) 750-3630.

CURRENT JOURNALS. The Spring 1992 issue of the Environmental History Review is devoted to outlines and discussions of college courses in environmental studies. Copies are available for \$6.00 from: Environmental History Review,

Center for Technology Studies, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark, NJ 07102.

Jeffrey K. Stine discusses "The Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway and the Evolution of Cultural Resource Management" in the Spring 1992 issue of the Public Historian. Copies are available for \$8.00 from: Journals Department, University of California Press, Berkeley, CA 94720.

The dramatic decline of farmers in U. S. agriculture from 1910 to 1990 is discussed by Stewart Smith, "Farming--Its Declining in the U.S.," in the First Quarter 1992 issue of Choices. Oris Vernon Wells, began his career as one of the second wave of bright minds of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics (BAE), became a principal architect of the farm programs, and finally served as second-ranking official of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) is profiled by Harold F. Breimyer in the Second Quarter 1992 issue of Choices. Copies are available for \$6.50 from: AAEA Business Office, Iowa State University, 80 Heady Hall, Ames, IA 50011-1070.

The Winter 1992 issue of Folklife Center News contains brief articles on "A New Cultural Heritage Center for West Virginia," and "A Folklorist at Work in Rural Russia." Copies are available without charge from: Library of Congress, American Folklife Center, Washington, DC 20540.

PUBLICATIONS. The National Agricultural Library has recently published the Guide to Services of the National Agricultural Library. Copies are available without charge by sending a self-addressed mailing label to: National Agricultural Library, Attn: Guide to Services, Room 204, 10301 Baltimore Blvd., Beltsville, MD 20705-2351.

The Economic and Social Transformation of Rural Rhode Island, 1780-1850, by Daniel P. Jones

(Northeastern University Press, 360 Huntington Ave., 272HN, Boston, MA 02115. 1992). 272 pp. \$40.00. The author traces the process by which once alienated and isolated rural New England communities were reintegrated into an increasingly commercial nation.

An Ecological History of Agriculture, 10,000 B.C. - A.D. 10,000, by Daniel E. Vasey (Iowa State University Press, 2121 S. State Ave., Ames, IA 50010. 1992). 344 pp., \$32.95. The author deals historically with present and past agricultural systems and with what can be projected about the future.

Agricultural Food Policy Issues and Alternatives for the 1990s, edited by Robert G. F. Spitze (University of Illinois, Urbana. 1990). 240 pp. The publication is the proceedings of a national food and agricultural workshop. Copies may be obtained free upon request to: Robert G. F. Spitze, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 305 Mumford Hall, 1301 W. Gregory Dr., Urbana, IL 61801.

The Changing Landscape of New York Agriculture in the Twentieth Century, by B. F. Stanton (Department of Agricultural Economics, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853-7801. 1992). 25 pp. No charge. The author highlights the changes that have taken place in New York agriculture during the twentieth century. Specific data showing the changes is given.

Crops and Man, by Jack R. Harlan (Crop Science Society of America, 677 South Segoe Rd., Madison, WI 53711-1086. Second edition, 1992). 284 pp., \$34.00. The main theme of the volume is the origin of cultivated plants and how they evolved with human societies to the present time when the world relies on only 30 food crops for nourishment.

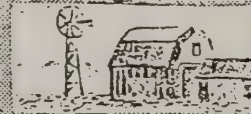
HISTORIC FARMS. The Kentucky Department of Agriculture has undertaken a historic farms program, making awards in 1991 and 1992 for farms owned by the same family for 100 years or more. For information, please write: Historic Farms Program, Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Ky 40601.

WASHINGTON AS FARMER. In an effort to expand its interpretive and educational programs for one million visitors annually, the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association is committed to

creating a new exhibition area devoted to "George Washington: Pioneer Farmer." The Kellogg Foundation's generous commitment will enable Mount Vernon to develop this area in a careful and exacting manner over a four-year period. Through fields, sheds, a reproduction of George Washington's original 16-sided barn and a nature walk, Mount Vernon will demonstrate the creativity and determination of Washington as he experimented with new crops, fertilizers and rotations. Visitors will compare and contrast the sustainable agriculture of George Washington with the cutting-edge sustainable practices used today. Mount Vernon is located 16 miles south of Washington, DC in Fairfax County, Virginia.

BARNs: HISTORY & CONSERVATION. The University of Vermont Historic Preservation Program at Burlington, is sponsoring a new course, which integrates the history and conservation of historic agricultural properties with natural resource protection strategies, is designed for planners and policy makers, teachers, farmers, property owners, historians, and students studying conservation and preservation. From the small "English" barns of the late 1700s to the five-story dairy barns of the early 20th century, lingering evidence of medieval transitions, bountiful harvests, and bleak hard times can be found in the barns which dot our rural landscape. Many of these barns that stand neglected and endangered are critical focal points of scenic landscapes. For further information and registration materials, please contact: University of Vermont, 322 S. Prospect St., Burlington, VT. 05401-3505. Or call 656-2085/800-639-3210.

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CALL FOR PAPERS. Proposals for papers are solicited by the American Society for Environmental History for its annual conference on March 4-7, 1993, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The theme of the conference is "City and Country: Contrasting and Interacting Environment." Please send proposals or requests for information to: Joel Tarr, Department of History, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. (412) 268-2830.

The Agricultural Studies Section, Western Social Science Association 35th annual meeting will be held in Corpus Christi, Texas, April 21-24, 1993. Please send proposals for papers on agricultural history and economics, climatology, rural sociology, and rural studies by November 1, 1992 to: Joseph C. Fitzharris, Dept. of History, Mail #4018, University of St. Thomas, 2115 Summit Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105. (612) 647-5667.

The 36th Annual Missouri Valley History Conference will be held in Omaha, Nebraska on March 11-13, 1993. Proposals for papers and sessions in all areas of history are welcome. Such proposals, accompanied with one-page abstracts and vitae, should be sent by October 15, 1992. Please contact: Dale Gaeddert, MVHC Coordinator, Department of History, University of Nebraska, Omaha, NE 68182.

THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY is offering, free of charge, two new "resource guides" to aid rural community leaders in dealing with problems associated with rural health services. Rural Health Services Funding: A Resource Guide contains a listing of "selected foundations contributing to rural health projects." Agricultural Safety and Health: A Resource Guide has a section listing the addresses and telephone numbers of national and regional organizations concerned with agricultural health and safety issues. The two guides are the latest in a series of rural development publications prepared by the Rural Information Center Health Service (RICHS) of NAL's Rural Information Center (RIC), and supported by the Office of Rural Health Policy of the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services. Both resource guides are available by sending a self-addressed mailing label, with a request specifying the desired guide to: Rural Information Center, Room 304, National Agricultural Library, 10301 Baltimore Blvd., Beltsville, Maryland 20705-2351. (toll free) 1 800-633-7701 or (301) 504-5547.

CHIPPOKES PLANTATION STATE PARK is located in Surry County, Virginia, 5.5 miles east of Surry and 65 miles southeast of Richmond. Access is via Route 10, 1.5 miles east of Surry to Route 634, which leads to the park. Established in 1619, Chippokes Plantation has been continually farmed for over 360 years. The story of Virginia's agricultural and forestry industries and the struggles of its people from 1607 to 1930 is depicted through displays of antique farm and forestry equipment, tools and housewares in the Chippokes Farm and Forestry Museum. The museum is operated from March through December by the Chippokes Plantation Farm Foundation. For more information, please contact: State Park (804) 294-3625; Forestry Museum (804) 294-3439; Mrs. Katherine R. Wright, Executive Secretary, Chippokes Plantation Farm Foundation, 203 Governor St., Room 338, Richmond, VA 23219, (804) 786-7950.

THE NEW JERSEY MUSEUM OF AGRICULTURE has been open just over one year, but its collections reflect the panorama of New Jersey's long history. Museum exhibits begin with the Lenape Indians before Columbus. The Museum also provides a unique look at agriculture in all its aspects from the moment a visitor enters the driveway. Outreach programs bring the Museum in all its facets to New Jersey schools and organizations, and allow students a personal, hands on experience of the life and thought of every generation that molded the state and the society. For more information, please call the New Jersey Museum of Agriculture at (908) 249-2077 or write to: Jennifer Martin, The New Jersey Museum of Agriculture, P. O. Box 1978, New Brunswick, NJ 08903.

CONFERENCE. The National Park Service, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Kentucky Heritage Council will co-sponsor a special historic rural resources conference August 18-19, 1992, at Shakertown, Pleasant Hill, Kentucky. Case studies and community involvement techniques will be presented by staff from the National Park Service, the Trust for Public Land, the National Trust for Historic Preservation (Southern Region), SHPO staff from Arkansas, Kentucky, Maine, and North Carolina, and others. For more information, please contact Ruthanne Mitchell at the Southeastern Regional Office, National Park Service: (404) 730-2249.

NATIONAL HISTORY DAY. The Agricultural History Society awarded Dhaya Lakshminorayanan, Resource Learning Center, Birmingham, Alabama, its annual prize of \$100 for her essay "Seeds of Agriculture and Cultural Change," submitted in the National History Day competition.

CURRENT JOURNALS. Stephen Aron discusses the attempts of early settlers to secure land in Kentucky in "Pioneers and Profiteers: Land Speculation and the Homestead Ethic in Frontier Kentucky," Western Historical Quarterly, May 1992. These efforts inaugurated a significant expansion of settlement and preemption rights. Copies are available for \$5.50 from: Western Historical Quarterly, Utah State University, Logan, UT 84322-0740.

From 1840's until about 1900, horsecars provided the major public transit in cities, and the need for horses for power gave horse breeders a major market according to John H. White, Jr. in "Horse Power," American Heritage of Invention and Technology, Summer 1992. Copies are \$4.00 from: American Heritage of Invention and Technology, Forbes Bldg., 60 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10011.

The Historical Gardener is a quarterly newsletter dedicated to historic gardening and animal husbandry. The Spring 1992 issue featured articles on recreating World War I and World War II gardens. A one-year subscription is \$12.00. For more information, please contact: Kathleen McClelland, 2910 West Michigan Ave., #111, Midland, TX 79701.

Mary S. Hoffschwelle briefly discusses the relationship of schools to reform in rural communities in Tennessee in Research Reports from the Rockefeller Archive Center, Spring 1992. Copies are available upon request to: Rockefeller Archive Center, 15 Dayton Ave., Pocantico Hills, North Tarrytown, NY 10591-1598.

PUBLICATIONS. "You Live and Learn: Then You Die and Forget It All": Ray Lum's Tales of Horses, Mules, and Men, by William Ferris (Doubleday/Anchor Books, New York. 1992). 251 pp. Paper \$12.50. The book provides a glimpse into the bygone days of the southern horse and mule trading tradition.

From Myth to Reality: An Intelligent Woman's Guide to Glass History, by Anita Engle (Phoenix Publications, P.O.B. 8190, Jerusalem, Israel. 1992). 100 pp. \$18.50. The author associates glassmaking with ancient agricultural cults, including a

discussion of glass made of fused wheat.

Kansas History: An Annotated Bibliography, compiled by Homer E. Socolofsky and Virgil W. Dean (Greenwood Press, 88 Post Road West, P.O. Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881. 1992). 616 pp. \$65.00. (203) 226-3571. The first volume in the series of state bibliographies, this book provides comprehensive coverage of secondary materials on Kansas history. It also includes references to major archival and manuscript collections. The volume is divided into sections on prehistory, indigenous population, early exploration, territorial period, statehood, Kansas since 1898, agriculture, economic life, transportation, cultural life, education, science and medicine, social history, general histories and reference guides, local and county history, historiography materials, and historic sites.

QUEEN ANNE'S MUSEUM OF EASTERN SHORE LIFE of upper Eastern Shore Maryland is focusing on collecting and exhibiting agricultural and aquacultural technology of the 1900's-1930's period. The Museum would appreciate any programs or assistance that would be directly applicable to their goals. Please contact: Queen Anne's Museum of Eastern Shore Life, P. O. Box 37, Route 18 West, Centreville, MD 21617. (410) 758-0835, FAX: (410) 758-0566.

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CALL FOR PAPERS. The Association of Research Directors of 1890 Land Grant Colleges and Universities will sponsor their Ninth Biennial Research Symposium, October 4-8, 1992 in Atlanta, Georgia. The theme is "1890 Land Grant Colleges and Universities: An Investment for the 21st Century." Papers will be presented in four major areas: animal science, food science and human nutrition, plant and soil science and rural development. For further information, please contact: Charles A. Panton (919) 334-7612.

The Agricultural History Society, Auburn University, and the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station invite proposals for papers and sessions to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the invention of the cotton gin. Interdisciplinary papers and those broadly based will be welcome. The symposium will be held at Auburn University, Alabama, May 5-7, 1993. Please send proposals to: David O. Whitten, Department of Economics, Auburn University, AL 36849-5242.

The Association for Living Historical Farms and Agricultural Museums (ALHFAM) will hold its 1993 annual meeting and conference, June 19-24, 1993 at the Minnesota Historical Society in St. Paul, Minnesota. The conference theme, "Of Media and Messages," will explore the application of a variety of media to the teaching of rural history, including--and beyond--living history. ALHFAM seeks sessions that examine historical programming in mass media (films, television, radio, magazines, novels, etc.). Proposals should include a one-page summary of each presentation and a resume for each presenter. Presenters are expected to submit their presentation in written form prior to the conference for publication in the ALHFAM Annual. Deadline for proposals is November 1, 1992. Please forward submissions to: Mary Seelhorst, Program Chair, 103 Washtenaw, Ypsilanti, MI 48197. (313) 487-3984.

The Social Science History Association will hold its 18th annual conference in Baltimore, Maryland, November 4-7, 1993. The SSHA is the leading social science interdisciplinary association. Its

annual conference provides a forum for many disciplines, including rural history. Proposals must be received no later than February 15, 1993. For further information, please write to the pro-chairs: Eileen L. McDonagh, Department of Political Science, Meserve Hall 303, Northeastern University, Boston, MA 02115. (617) 495-8140; FAX 617-495-8422; or Philip J. Ethington, Department of History, Boston University, 226 Bay State Rd., Boston, MA 02215. (617) 353-2551; FAX 617-353-2556.

WESTERN LITERATURE. The American Heritage Center, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY 82071-3972, is sponsoring a symposium on 100 years of Western literature. The symposium will be held in Laramie on September 24-26, 1992.

CURRENT JOURNALS. Hal Rothman traces attacks by wilderness advocates on the Park Service and Forest Service in northern New Mexico, 1955-1980, in "The End of Federal Hegemony: The Wilderness Act and Federal Land Management on the Pajarito Plateau, 1955-1980," in *Environmental History Review*, Summer 1992. He concludes that "Federal management still reigned supreme in places like the Pajarito Plateau; it just became more flexible and responsive." Copies are available for \$6.00 from: *Environmental History Review*, Center for Technology Studies, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark, NJ 07102.

Seventeenth-century English immigrants to the Chesapeake and their children ate better and had more opportunity to acquire land, but worked harder and had a lower material standard of living than their contemporaries in England according to Lois Green Carr, "Emigration and the Standard of Living: The Seventeenth Century Chesapeake," *Journal of Economic History*, June 1992. Copies are available for \$8.00 from: Cambridge University Press, 40 West 20th St., New York, NY 10011-4211.

B. W. C. Roberts and Richard F. Knapp trace the development of the American Tobacco Company in "Paving the Way for the Tobacco Trust: From

Hand Rolling to Mechanized Cigarette Production by W. Duke, Sons and Company," North Carolina Historical Review, July 1992. Copies are \$7.00 each from: Historical Publications Section, Division of Archives and History, 109 East Jones St., Raleigh, NC 27601-2807.

John Fraser Hart argues in "Nonfarm Farms," Geographical Review, April 1992, that the number of farms in the United States, as reported in the censuses of agriculture, is inflated by a permissive definition that includes operations that are not truly farms. In 1987, these nonfarms generally had less than 50 acres and sold less than \$5,000 worth of farm products. Such farms numbered about one-third of the total farms reported. Copies of the journal are \$18.00 each from: American Geographical Society, Suite 6500, 156 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10010.

Michael Gessel, "Tale of a Parable," The Baum Bugle, 39(Spring 1992), p. 19-23, contains a detailed analysis of how Professor Henry M. Littlefield's well-known 1964 article, "The Wizard of Oz: A Parable on Populism," has been misinterpreted and misused in recent years especially by New Left and New West historians. Characters in the story have been interpreted to represent Populist era figures and issues, the scarecrow standing for American farmers, for example, Dorothy's (originally silver) shoes illustrating the free silver debate. This issue also contains a short commentary by Littlefield on how he originally conceived the article. (The Baum Bugle, \$10 for three issues, includes membership in the International Wizard of Oz Club; Fred M. Meyer, 220 North 11th St., Escanaba, MI 49829.)

The University of California Press advises that because of technical production problems, the Spring 1992 and Summer 1992 issues of Agricultural History will be mailed about September 1 and October 15, 1992, respectively.

PUBLICATION. Garden Seed Inventory, Third Edition (Seed Savers Exchange, R. R. 3, Box 239, Decorah, Iowa 52101, 1992). 504 pp. Paper \$22.00; cloth \$28.00. The volume is an inventory of mail-order seed catalogs listing all standard vegetable varieties available in the United States and Canada.

Pigment of the Imagination: A History of Phytochrome Research, by Linda Sage. (Academic Press, Inc., 6277 Sea Harbor Drive, Orlando, FL 32887. 1992). 562 pp. \$99.50, plus shipping and sales tax. The author, a science writer, recounts in

detail in a new history of the decades-long search that led to the discovery of the bright-blue plant protein. One of the most important and intriguing research discoveries of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, phytochrome acts as a unique molecular switch that controls germination, plant emergence from the soil, detection of neighboring plants, and time of flowering. The book contains extensive interviews with several members of the USDA phytochrome team, as well as with 100 other phytochrome scientists in the United States, Europe, and Japan.

IN MEMORIAM. Retired National Agricultural Library Director, Foster Edward Morhardt, who was 85 years old, died June 7, 1992 in Arlington, Virginia. Mr. Morhardt served as the Library's director from 1954 to 1968. Under his direction the Library, which had been the departmental library of the U. S. Department of Agriculture since 1862, was designated National by Secretary Orville Freeman in 1962. Other major accomplishments of his directorship included construction of the Library's seventeen story building in Beltsville, Maryland (completed in 1968); initiation of computerized cataloging and indexing (in 1965), the antecedent to the Library's AGRICOLA database; and development of the Library's first Agricultural/Biological Vocabulary, published in 1967. He was one of the founders of the International Association of Agricultural Librarians and Documentalists (IAALD), and served for over 12 years as its first president, 1955-68. Mr. Morhardt was the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the Distinguished Service Award of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in 1963. Mr. Morhardt was a native of Lansing, Michigan.

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CALL FOR PAPERS. A conference on the use of census manuscript information in historical research will be held at the University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada on March 5-7, 1993. The organizers welcome proposals for papers or sessions using agricultural, demographic, occupational, or other data or discussing methodology or related matters. Proposals must be submitted by October 2, 1992. Limited funding may be available to assist with travel costs. Please contact: Kris Inwood, Department of Economics, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario N1G 2W1. (519) 763-8497. FAX (519) 763-8497.

Historic Hudson Valley calls for papers for its fall 1993 Philipsburg Manor Tercentenary Anniversary Research Colloquium on manor life and culture in New York State. The deadline is November 1, 1992. For information, please contact: Radiah Harper Sumler, Director of Program, 150 White Plains Rd., Tarrytown, NY 10591. (914) 631-8200.

The Western Social Science Association calls for papers for its April 21-24, 1993 Agricultural Studies Section in Corpus Christi, Texas. The deadline is November 1, 1992. For information, please contact: Joseph C. Fitzharris, Department of History, Mail #4018, University of St. Thomas, 2115 Summit Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105. (612) 647-5667.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE. The National Park Service has announced the availability of a new brochure, "Participate in Archeology." The brochure, produced with the cooperation of the Forest Service among others, aims to provide the public with better access to archeological information. It provides an overview of the available opportunities for learning about archeology--videos, journals, and books that offer detailed information about archeological topics and issues. The brochure also presents opportunities to become involved in archeological fieldwork. Free copies are available by writing: Publications Specialist, Archeological Assistance Division, National Park Service, P. O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127.

MEETINGS. The Fall 1992 meeting of the Newberry Seminar in Rural History, will be held at the State Historical Society of Iowa on October 10, 1992. The seminar is sponsored by the Dr. William M. Scholl Center for Family and Community History at the Newberry Library, along with the History departments at the University of Chicago, the University of Iowa, and Iowa State University. The remaining sessions will be held at the Newberry Library in Chicago, Illinois on January 30, 1993 and April 24, 1993. The Newberry Seminar in Rural History provides a setting for small-group discussions where scholars with similar interests can consider presentations in depth. The two October papers are: "Political Jaws: How the Need to Preserve Democratic Party Unity Influenced Attacks on the Open Range in the 1880's," by Ben Brown (History, University of Michigan; Northwestern University School of Law); and "Interracial Kinship Ties and the Rise of a Black Rural Middle Class, Hancock county, Georgia, 1865-1910," by Mark Schultz (History, University of Chicago). Papers are distributed in advance. The seminar meets from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. A registration fee of \$14 covers the cost of the seminar as well as lunch. For information, please call: The Dr. William M. Scholl Center for Family and Community History, (312) 943-9090, Ext. 273.

The Dinsmore Homestead Foundation is sponsoring a symposium on "The New Abundance, the Agricultural Revolution and the Shrinking World of the Nineteenth Century." It will be held in Florence, Kentucky on October 16-18, 1992. For information, please write to: John F. Caldwell, Dinsmore Homestead Foundation, P. O. Box 453, Burlington, KY 41005. (606) 586-6127.

The Western History Association will hold its annual conference in New Haven, Connecticut, October 14-17, 1992. Several papers are on aspects of western agricultural history. For information, please contact: Western History Association, University of New Mexico, Mesa Vista Hall 1080, Albuquerque, NM 87131-1181.

The Massachusetts Horticultural Society has announced several new positions in its Horticultural Education, Research, and Outreach Department. For information and copies of job descriptions, please contact: John C. Peterson, Massachusetts Horticultural Society, 300 Massachusetts Ave., Boston, MA 02115.

CURRENT JOURNALS. R. Douglas Hurt, Iowa State University, won the annual competition for writing the best special issue of the Journal of the West published in 1991. Hurt's six chapter study was entitled "Agricultural Technology in the Twentieth Century." The publisher has issued an expanded paperback edition.

Paul D. Peterson, Jr., C. Lee Campbell, and Clay S. Griffith briefly examine early plant disease theories in America during the potato epidemic of the 1840's in "James E. Teschemacher and the Cause and Management of Potato Blight in the United States," Plant Disease, July 1992. This is the first of a series of historical articles relevant to the development of plant pathology in the United States.

The August 1992 issue of the American Journal of Agricultural Economics, in a section on sources of agricultural economic growth and productivity, contains papers by D. W. Jorgenson and Frank M. Gollop, W. E. Hoffman, M. W. Rosegrant and R. E. Everson quantifying the historical contributions of research, education, extension, and other factors to the growth of agricultural productivity. Copies are available for \$18.00 from: American Agricultural Economics Association, 80 Heady Hall, Iowa State University, Ames, IA 50011-1070.

Joe Link discusses the historical background and present problems of the Extension Service in a short article entitled "Is the Extension Service Becoming History?" Progressive Farmer, September 1992. Copies are available for \$2.25 from: Progressive Farmer, Box 2581, Birmingham, AL 35202.

PUBLICATIONS. A 10-year index of the Windmillers' Gazette has just been published. This quarterly journal, dedicated to the preservation of America's wind power history and heritage, continues an in-depth look at the social and mechanical details of the windmill in America; the index makes this journal a handy tool for research and restoration. For further information, please write to: Windmillers' Gazette, P. O. Box 507, Rio Vista, TX 76093-0507.

Fruit Fields in My Blood: Okie Migrants in the West, by Toby F. Sonneman (text) and Rick Steigmeyer (photographs). (University of Idaho Press, 16 Brink Hall, Moscow, ID 83843. 1992). 234 pp., \$45.00 cloth, \$24.95 paper. The authors show the contributions of migrant agricultural workers to the history of labor in America.

Last Water Hole in the West: A History of the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District and the Colorado-Big Thompson Project, by Daniel Tyler (University Press of Colorado, P. O. Box 849, Niwot, CO 80544). 1992). 696 pp., \$39.95 cloth, \$19.95 paper. This history of the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District and its management of the Colorado-Big Thompson project illustrates the crucial role that water played in the development of Colorado and the West.

AGRICULTURAL HISTORY IN CHINA. The Chinese Institute of Agricultural History is a professional research organization under the dual leadership of the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences and Nanjing Agricultural University. It has a staff of over 30 professional researchers with a collection of thousands of rare ancient books and many modern periodicals on agriculture. The Institute has three research offices: the history of agricultural science and technology, the history of agricultural economy, and research for ancient books and documents of agriculture. The institute welcomes book donations, exchange of materials, and cooperative research projects. For more information, please contact: Wang Siming, Institute of Agricultural History, Nanjing Agricultural University, Weigang, Nanjing, Jiangsu, China 210014.

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EXHIBIT. The National Archives has opened an exhibition entitled "Western Ways: Images of the American West," emphasizing the American spirit of exploration. The exhibition features about 200 photographs, maps, drawings, paintings, and documents that explore the diversity of the Western settlers, the continuities in its history, and how the environment shaped the region's past and present.

MEETINGS. The American Historical Association is holding its annual meeting in Washington, DC on December 27-30, 1992. A few of the 149 planned sessions relate to agriculture. For information, please contact: American Historical Association, 400 A St., S. E., Washington, DC 20003.

CALL FOR PAPERS. The Dublin Seminar for New England Folklife invites proposals for papers on the subject of farm animals, domestic pets, and wildlife in New England and its adjacent regions including Canada 1400-1900 for its next conference in August 1993. Topics to be considered: husbandry, breeds, herd sizes, and patterns of animal ownership, history of immigrant animals, Native American use of wildlife, trapping and fishing, early New England collectors of fauna, and the early history of field trials and agricultural fairs. The eighteenth annual meeting in the Seminar series, New England Creatures, 1400-1900 will be offered on the weekend of August 6-8, 1993 at Deerfield, Massachusetts, in conjunction with Boston University's Program in American and New England Studies, Historic Deerfield, and Plimoth Plantation. A selected transcript of the conference will appear as the 1993 Annual Proceedings of the Dublin Seminar. Please contact: Peter Benes, Director, The Dublin Seminar, 249 Harrington Ave., Concord, MA 01742. (508) 369-7382.

The Society for the History of Technology will hold its 1993 annual meeting on October 14-17, 1993, at the National Air and Space Museum, Washington, DC. It welcomes proposals for papers and sessions on all aspects of the history of technology, including agricultural technologies.

For more information, please contact: Philip Scranton, Center for History of Business, Technology, and Society, Hagley Museum and Library, P. O. Box 3630, Wilmington, DE 19807. (302) 658-2400.

PUBLICATIONS. While the Sun Shines: Making Hay in Vermont, 1789-1990, by Allen R. Yale (Vermont Historical Society, Montpelier, VT. 1991). 79 pp., \$14.95. The work is an overview of how the task of haying developed in one part of the East. The author discusses five different farm families, showing the transformation of haying and elements of Vermont farm life over two centuries.

Women in Agriculture, January 1985-July 1992, compiled by Jane Potter Gates (National Agricultural Library, Beltsville, MD 20705-2351. August 1992). 71 pp. No charge. Number 92-56 in the Library's Quick Bibliography Series, this bibliography notes 378 United States and foreign publications. Many of the publications covered are historical in nature.

Chilies to Chocolate: Food the Americas Gave the World, edited by Nelson Foster and Linda S. Cordell (University of Arizona Press, 1230 N. Park Ave., Tucson, AZ 85719. 1992). Cloth, \$24.90, paper, \$13.95. The authors of chapters trace the biological and cultural history of New World crops cultivated by Native American farmers before the arrival of the Europeans.

Bale o' Cotton: The Mechanical Art of Cotton Ginning, by Karen Gerhardt Britton (Texas A&M University Press, College Station, TX 77843-4354. 1992). 208 pp., \$27.50. The author presents the cultural traditions of the cotton "engine."

New England/New France, 1600-1850, edited by Peter Benes (Boston University Scholarly Publications, 985 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA 02215). 168 pp. Daily life in New England and New France in comparative historical perspective, 1600-1850.

To Reclaim a Divided West: Water, Law, and

Public Policy, 1848-1902, by Donald J. Pisani (University of New Mexico Press, Albuquerque, NM 87131-1591. 1992). Cloth, \$40.00; paper, \$19.95. Pisani argues that the 19th-century competition to control water prevented the implementation of coherent government planning.

The Dispossession of the American Indian, 1887-1934, by Janet A. McDonnell (Indiana University Press, Bloomington, IN. 1991). 163 pp., \$20.00. Between 1887 and 1934 Indian lands had dwindled by 62 percent--from 130 million acres to 52 million acres--as a result of the federal allotment policy.

Schoolwomen of the Prairies and Plains: Personal Narratives from Iowa, Kansas, and Nebraska, 1860s to 1920s (University of New Mexico Press, Albuquerque, NM 87131-1591. 1992). \$32.50. The author focuses on the women responsible for educating prairie children.

The Textile Industry in North Carolina: A History, by Brent D. Glass (North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, Historical Publications Section, 109 East Jones St., Raleigh, NC 26601-2807. 1992). 119 pp. \$8.00.

CURRENT JOURNALS. The Spring 1992 issue of Agricultural History is a special symposium issue edited by Douglas Helms and Douglas E. Bowers on the History of Agriculture and the Environment. It contains articles by: Orville Freeman, "Perspectives & Prospects;" J. D. Hughes, "Sustainable Agriculture in Ancient Egypt;" Donald Parman, "New Deal Indian Agricultural Policy & the Environment: The Papagos as a Case Study;" David Lewis, "Changing Subsistence, Changing Reservation Environments: The Hupa, 1850-1980s;" Paul Carlson, "Indian Agriculture: Subsistence Patterns & the Environment on the Southern Great Plains;" Thomas Wessel, "Market Economy & Changing Subsistence Patterns;" David Percy, "Axe or Plow? Significant Colonial Landscape Alteration Rates in the Maryland & Virginia Tidewater;" Colin Duncan, "Legal Protection for the Soil of England: The Spurious Context of 19th Century Progress;" William Harbaugh, "20th Century Tenancy & Soil Conservation: Some Comparisons & Questions;" Brian Cannon, "Quite a Wrestling Match": The Adaptation of Dryland Farmers to Irrigation;" Pamela Riney-Kehrberg, "From the Horse's Mouth: Dust Bowl Farmers & Their Solution to the Problem of Aridity;" Linda Lear, "Bombshell in Beltsville: The USDA & the Challenge of 'Silent Spring';" Barton Blum, "Composing & the Roots of Sustainable Agriculture;" Anne Effland, "Soil

Geomorphology Studies in the U.S.;" William Effland, "Soil Survey Program;" Miriam Chernoff, "Natural Resource Use in an Ancient Near East Farming Community;" Robert Wilcox, "Cattle & the Environment in the Pantanal of Mato Grosso, Brazil, 1870-1970;" Tim Lehman, "Public Values, Private Lands: Origins & Ironies of the Farmland Preservation in Congress;" Clayton Ogg, "Addressing Environmental Needs in Farm Programs;" John Opie, "The Drought of 1988, the Global Warming Experiment, and its Challenge to Irrigation in the Old Dust Bowl Region;" Thomas Orton, and "The New Water Management Era & the Return of Southwest Cotton to the Old South." Copies of the symposium issue are available for \$8.00 from: University of California Press, Berkeley, CA 94720.

POSITION AVAILABLE. Napier Settlement, a 13-acre 19th century living history museum village 30 miles west of Chicago, Illinois, is seeking a director of education and public programming. B.A. in education, history or related field is required, M.A. preferred. Three to five years in education, museum work or related field required. Further information is available from: Assistant Director, Napier Settlement, 201 W. Porter, Naperville, IL 60540.

THE CONNECTICUT VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY was formed August 8, 1987 to help preserve the history and artifacts of cigar-tobacco-growing in the Connecticut River Valley which has been a cash crop since colonial times. For further information, please call: Gordon Taylor (203) 688-3486.

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MEETING. Thomas County Museum of History of Thomasville, Georgia will host a special program and exhibit for Black History Month on Sunday, January 31, 1993 at 3:00 p.m. Also participating is the Jack Hadley Black History Memorabilia Collection, Pebble Hill Foundation, and the Georgia Humanities Council. The theme of the program is "African American Life on Pebble Hill Plantation--1900 to 1940." The southern hunting plantation has its origins in the 19th century when wealthy men, industrialists from the north, purchased economically depressed agricultural plantations in the south for their leisure and sport. The exhibit is the story of the men, women and children, mostly black, who provided the labor and domestic support that assured the efficient and effective operation of these plantations. For further information, please contact: C. Tom Hill, Curator, Thomas County Museum of History, 725 North Dawson St., Thomasville, GA 31799-1922. (912) 226-7664.

SAVING THE TURKEY. According to the Turkey Genetics Conservation Foundation, many breeds, varieties, and strains of turkeys are in danger of becoming extinct. In fact, almost all non-commercial turkeys are now endangered. This Foundation has been founded to conserve rare breeds of turkeys. As a non-profit conservation organization, the foundation is supported by private contributions and through the production and sale of turkey poults. People are able to start their own flocks of rare breeds and thus become involved in the conservation effort. For more information, please contact: Jim Shronce, Executive Director, Turkey Genetics Conservation Foundation, Inc., 101 Walnut St., Lincolnton, NC 28092. (704) 732-0787; or Don Bixby, Executive Director, American Minor Breeds Conservancy, P. O. Box 477, Pittsboro, NC 27312. (919) 542-5704.

CURRENT JOURNALS. The Summer 1992 issue of Agricultural History contains the following articles: "Technical Change, Labor Absorption and Living Standards in Rural Andalucia, 1886-1936," by James Simpson; "The Price of Precocity: Technical Choice and Ecological Constraint in the

Cotton South, 1840-1890," by Carville Earle; "The Lag in the Mechanization of the Sugarcane Harvest: Some Comparative Perspectives," by Geoff Burrows and Ralph Shlomowitz; and "The Limits of Agrarian Action: The 1908 Kentucky Tobacco Strike," by Tracy A. Campbell. Copies are \$8.00 from: University of California Press, Berkeley, CA 94720.

The Heritage Eagle is published for the information and education of members and interested friends of the International J. I. Case Heritage Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization incorporated in the state of North Dakota. The Foundation serves as an international membership, drawing primarily from North America where "Case" and associated enterprises and people have enjoyed a significant role in the evolution of the continent's agricultural and industrial heritage. The Eagle is issued from the office of the Foundation's Secretary-Treasurer, P. O. Box 5128, Bella Vista, Arkansas 72714-0128. (501) 855-0312.

Char Miller traces the evolution of Gifford Pinchot's environmental activism in "The Greening of Gifford Pinchot," Environmental History Review, Fall 1992. Thomas R. Huffman discusses why environmentalism was emphasized in Wisconsin in "Defining the Origins of Environmentalism in Wisconsin," in the same journal. Copies are \$6.00 from: Arlene J. McKenna, Environmental History Review, Center for Technology Studies, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark, NJ 07102.

PUBLICATIONS. People, Pride and Progress, by David H. Howard (National Grange, 1616 H St., N. W., Washington, DC 20006. 1992). 336 pp. \$12.00 plus postage. A history of 125 years of the Grange and its leaders in America. For copies of the book, please send check made payable to: National Grange, and send it to the above address. Also, include \$3.00 postage for 1-4 books, and \$6.00 for 5-8 books.

Agriculture and Slavery in Missouri's Little Dixie,

by R. Douglas Hurt (University of Missouri Press, 2910 LeMone Blvd., Columbia, MO 65201. 1992). 352 pp. \$37.50. A study of the major slave, hemp and tobacco region along the Missouri River settled primarily by immigrants from Kentucky, Virginia and Tennessee.

The Finishing Touch: A History of Cattle Feeding in the Southwest, by Charles E. Ball (Texas Cattle Feeders Association, 5501 West I-40, Amarillo, TX 79106. 1992. \$35.00). 192 pp., 243 photos. The author, former executive vice president of Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA) and former editor of Farm Journal, concentrates on early feedyards in the Southwest beginning 100 years ago, arrival of big feedyards, the entry of big government, development of feedyard technology and major issues impacting cattle feeders. Also covered in the book is the history of a new association (TCFA) and its leaders.

The Forest Service has issued a 72-page collection of essays on the origins and evolution of the United States Forest Service entitled Centennial Mini-Histories of the Forest Service. Free copies are available from the author, Terry L. West, History Unit, Public Affairs Office, USDA Forest Service, Washington, DC 20250.

Readings in the History of the Soil Conservation Service, by Douglas Helms (Soil Conservation Service, USDA, P. O. Box 2890, Washington, DC 20013-2890. 1992). 174 pp. No charge. Articles in publication relate to the history of the Soil Conservation Service. Although not a comprehensive history of SCS, articles do give some sense of breadth and diversity of SCS's missions and operations. For copies, please write to the author.

The papers of C. F. Stewart Sharpe, soil conservationist in the Soil Conservation Service and in other government agencies from 1935 to 1969, are described by Anne B. W. Effland in The Papers of C. F. Stewart Sharpe: A Register (National Agricultural Library, Beltsville, MD 20705-2351. 1992). 12 pp. No charge. Sharpe's special fields of work included mass movement of soil and rock, soil erosion, and accelerated erosion.

DELAWARE AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM AND VILLAGE. From November 15 to December 31, the Museum and Village will exhibit "Winter on the Farm" in its historic farm and village. The setting in the farmhouse will reflect Christmas Eve on the Delmarva Peninsula during the 1890's. Also, "Farmer's Christmas," will be

held December 4-5, from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m., traditionally, lanterns light the museum's grounds and music fills the air at the event. Story telling, belsnicklers, craft demonstrations, Father Christmas, hot cider and cookies and more are featured. The museum and village are located south of Delaware State College on Route 13 in Dover. For further information, please call: (302) 734-1618.

IN MEMORIUM. Vernon Carstensen, one of the nation's best known agricultural historians, died on October 20, 1992, at his home in Seattle, Washington. He served as editor of Agricultural History from 1953 through 1956 and was past president of the Agricultural History Society. The Society gives the Vernon Carstensen Award in Agricultural History each year for the best article published in the journal. Carstensen taught at the University of Wisconsin for many years before going to the University of Washington.

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Best Wishes for the New Year!

NEW BOOKS. Green Fields of Montana: A Brief History of Irrigation, by Stanley W. Howard (Sunflower University Press, 1531 Yuma (Box 1009), Manhattan, KS 66502-4228. 1992). 153 pp., \$15.00 paper. Howard, retired from the Montana Extension Service, covers agriculture and irrigation prior to 1860 through the 1980's, including a discussion of irrigation water rights and disputes.

The Textile Industry in North Carolina: A History, by Brent D. Glass (North Carolina Division of Archives and History, 109 East Jones St., Raleigh, NC 27601-2807. 1992). 119 pp., \$6.00 paper. The author surveys the textile industry from the spinning wheels and hand looms of the colonial period to the changes taking place in the 1980s.

People, Pride and Progress: 125 Years of the Grange in America, by David H. Howard (National Grange, 1616 H St., N. W., Washington, DC 20006. 1992). 336 pp., \$15.00. The author, a free-lance writer, traces the history of the National Grange from its beginnings to the present, with emphasis on the past 50 years.

The Great Thirst: Californians and Water, 1770s-1990s, by Norris Hundley, Jr. (University of California Press, Berkeley, CA 94720. 1992). 435 pp., \$25.00.

Classic Russian Cooking: Elena Molokhovet's A Gift to Young Housewives, trans. and ed. by Joyce Toomre (Indiana University Press, 601 North Morton St., Bloomington, IN 47404-3797. 1992). 680 pp., \$39.95. First published in 1861, this book was the guide for middle- and upper-class Russian homemakers. This translation includes over 1,000 recipes and an introduction summarizing Molokhovet's advice on household management.

CURRENT JOURNALS. Jeffrey Ostler discusses "Why the Populist Party was Strong in Kansas and Nebraska but Weak in Iowa" in the November 1992 issue of the Western Historical Quarterly. Copies of the journals are available for \$5.50 from: Western Historical Quarterly, Utah State University, Logan, UT 84322-0740.

Homesteaders, either dryland farmers or irrigators, rather than cattlemen would be the future strength of Great Falls, Montana, according to entrepreneur Paris Gibson. Richard B. Roeder points out in "A Settlement on the Plains: Paris Gibson and the Building of Great Falls," in Montana, Autumn 1992, that while Gibson founded a city that was a small industrial and agricultural center, his dreams of it being based upon a small farm, prosperous agriculture never materialized. Copies of the issue are \$6.00 each from: Montana Historical Society, 225 N. Roberts St., Helena, MT 59620.

A short popular article on the history of windmills, "Reaping the Wind," by Bill George, appears in the Winter 1993 issue of American Heritage of Invention and Technology. Copies are \$4.00 from: American Heritage of Invention and Technology, P. O. Box 52606, Boulder, CO 80322.

Dorothy Schwieder, in discussing "Cooperative Extension and Rural Iowa: Agricultural Adjustment in the 1950s," Annals of Iowa, Fall 1992, concludes that the decade of the fifties required Iowa Cooperative Extension to develop programs designed to cope with those difficult years and to provide social and economic adjustments to major change, including a reconsideration of Extension's long-standing commitment to maximize agricultural production. A copy of the issue may be obtained for \$6.00 from: Publications, State Historical Society of Iowa, 402 Iowa Ave., Iowa City, IA 52240.

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The October 1992 issue of Journal of the West is devoted to agricultural history in the West. It contains introductions by Glenda Riley and Michael W. Schuyler and the following articles: "Reflections of a Revolutionary on a Revolution," by Richard S. Kirkendall; "Western Thought in Planning Rural America: The Subsistence Homesteads Program, 1933-1935," by Harry McDean; "The Surplus Farm Population: Agricultural Policy-makers and the Program for Older Rural Youth, 1935-1940," by Judith K. Fabry; "Debt, Drought, and Depression: South Dakota in the 1930s," by Jean Choate; "How to Kill a Chinch Bug: The Folk Technology of Farming on the North American Plains," by Thomas D. Isern; "Marketplace Agricultural Reform: T. C. Henry and the Irrigation Crusade in Colorado, 1883-1914," by James E. Sherow; and "Where Do We Go From Here? Historians and Farm Movements on the Northern Plains," by William C. Pratt. The issue is \$10.00 from: Journal of the West, 1531 Yuma (Box 1009), Manhattan, KS 66502-4228.

Govindan Parayil, in "The Green Revolution in India: A Case of Technological Change," Technology and Culture, October 1992, concludes that "Notwithstanding some of the latent problems associated with the Green Revolution, such as the unregulated use of pesticides and agricultural machinery by some farmers, it represents a case of a successful technology transfer. Because of the Green Revolution, India became self-sufficient in food grain production." Copies are \$7.25 from: University of Chicago Press, P. O. Box 37005, Chicago, IL 60637.

MEETINGS. From August 31-September 4, 1992, the twelfth National Symposium of Agrarian History and Retrology, organized by the Agrarian History and Retrology Society of Romania, was held in Bucharest. The thirteenth National Symposium will be held in 1993, at Constantza, at the Black Sea shore, August 30-September 2. For information, please write: S.I.R.A.R., P. O. Box 1-619, Bucharest, Romania.

DELAWARE AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM AND VILLAGE will open three of the following temporary exhibits in the winter: "Seeds of Change: Transformation of the Americas after 1492" (February 1 - May 1, 1993); "Producing Produce: Raising Truck Crops on the Peninsula"

(February 1, 1993 - February 1, 1994); and "Whittlin History: Jehu F. Camper's Folk Carvings" (March 1, 1993 - March 1, 1994). The Delaware Agricultural Museum and Village is open to the public Monday - Friday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.,. It is located on Route 13, south of Delaware State College in Dover. Admission is charged. For further information, please call: (302) 734-1618.

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